



# School Newsletter

With Christ we live, we love, we learn and we grow

21.03.25

Dear parents and carers,

## Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope Mass at St Mary's Church



Our Y6 class joined hundreds of other children from Catholic Schools in and around Chorley for the 'Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope Mass' at St Mary's Church, last Tuesday. It was a special event and Mr Lindley, Head at Holy Cross, thinks that this is probably the first time that such a gathering has happened. Father Marsden concelebrated Mass with the priests from the local parishes. All the children from all the schools behaved superbly and sang the hymns beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Huddy, Mrs Walmsley and all the team at Holy Cross for organising. We can look forward to other such events in the future.

## Y5 Trip to Chorley Library

Miss Hesketh, Mrs Southern, Mrs Bradley and Mrs Aldridge took the Y5 class up to Chorley Library on Monday morning. They were given a tour of the library, took part in quizzes and other activities and learned about how they can make the most of what the library service has to offer. Miss Hesketh praised them on their excellent engagement and behaviour.

## Chorley Library Special Bedtime Story Event – message

As mentioned last week, Chorley Library have advised us that they have a special bedtime story event coming up with local author, Sean Perkins.

Many of you will recognise this name as Sean has visited our school a number of times to read his *Oscar and Ben* books and sing to the children - most recently last October! Sean is a fantastic storyteller and it's always a pleasure to host him at St Mary's. The event is on **Monday 24th March from 5.00pm to 6.00pm**. Booking is required and you should contact the library direct if you would like to attend. Please see the link below

<https://events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/event-details?eventid=1775511>

## Good Shepherd Appeal 2025

The annual Nugent Care *Good Shepherd Appeal* is entering its final fortnight in school. The children are doing a great job – thank you very much for all your support. Next week is the last week for the cake sale, games, activities and disco. Thank you, parents, carers and children for your donations – one more week then we can look forward to the talent show on the penultimate day of term.



Day	Activity
Mondays	Cake sale – sell and buy cakes – max 1 per person – 50p each
Tuesdays	Games and activities – guess how many sweets are in a jar/ spot the ball/ name the teddy/ lucky dip etc.
Fridays	Disco in the hall – 50p voluntary contribution

See

web address below for further details: <https://wearenugent.org/good-shepherd-appeal-primary-resources/>

## Chorley Schools Sports Partnership (CSSP) Y5/6 Culture Competition

Our Y5 and Y6 were visited by staff from the CSSP today to encourage the children to take part in an exciting competition about innovation in sport. They explored how innovation in sport has been so important in allowing athletes with disabilities to enjoy and compete in a variety of sporting competitions for example at the Paralympics. Mr Cahalin reported that the children listened and took part well and that they were excited to take up the challenge.

## Tax-free childcare

One of our governors shared some information with me last year to pass on to parents and carers - here is a reminder, in case your circumstances have changed.:

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. You can use Tax-Free Childcare for: childminders, nurseries and nannies and after school clubs and play schemes. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



## Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

2024/2025 w/e 21.03.25



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 6	98.39
2nd	YEAR 1	97.58
3rd	YEAR 2	97.50

4th	YEAR 3	97.47
5th	YEAR 4	97.25
6th	YEAR 5	97.14
7th	RECEPTION	96.05

No 100% attendance this week! However, we have moved from **5<sup>th</sup> position to 3<sup>rd</sup> position** in the whole of Lancashire (20.03.25).

Attendance measure	Percentage	Ranking ①
Overall attendance	97.6%	You are ranked 3rd out of 481 schools

Let's see if we can keep this brilliant run up or may be even hit the top spot. Well done boys, girls, parents and carers – that is amazing!

### Star of the Week 21.03.25

Class	Name	Star of the week for... Value of the week for showing value of <b>justice</b> Dojo Champion
Nursery	s Zach	Super answering during carpet sessions
	v Noah	For always playing fairly
	Dojo Toby	
R	s Olivia	For super maths work with odd and even numbers.
	v Rayne	For being fair and following rules carefully
	Dojo Amaya	
Y1	s Archie G	Super answers in oral maths.
	v Ella	For always making sure she is being fair to others.
	Dojo Eleanor	
Y2	s Rory H	For a fabulous design idea in DT to support the NHS
	v James R	For always being fair and following the class rules
	Dojo Evie W	
Y3	s Caitlin	Fantastic writing in English
	v Willow	Always being fair in class and at playtimes
Y4	s Ariana s	For her wonderful brochure about Dubai.
	v Ella	For always being fair and following the rules
Y5	s Penny	For excellent attention to detail during our grammar work on parenthesis.
	v Erin	For showing genuine respect towards peers and staff.
Y6	s William	For a fantastic detective story
	v Felix	For always helping others in a fair way.

**PTFA future dates**

**PTFA Meeting** - Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April - time to be confirmed

**Ladies Party Night** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - St Mary's Parish Centre

Best wishes, Patrick Smyth 21.03.25

**CSSP Easter Holidays Sports Camp**

# EASTER SPORTS CAMP

**7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL**



Two venues, twice the fun... UV football, archery, gymnastics, dodgeball, golf and more.

We can't wait to see you at our Easter holiday camp. If you require any help with bookings or simply have any questions please email, [j.milner@chorleyssp.co.uk](mailto:j.milner@chorleyssp.co.uk).

For **HAF** bookings, a school issued code will be sent for you to book your place through 'Holiday Activities'. If you have any system issues please email, [support@holidayactivities.com](mailto:support@holidayactivities.com).

CALL: 01257 449278  
WHATSAPP: 07306403255

BOOK ONLINE AT:  
[www.chorleyssp.co.uk](http://www.chorleyssp.co.uk)

Ages  
5-11

**CHORLEY**  
SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

10AM  
- 2PM

**EASTER  
SPORTS CAMP**  
7TH APRIL - 10TH APRIL  
£15 A DAY OR £55 ALL FOUR DAYS

FOR **HAF** BOOKINGS, PLEASE USE  
SCHOOL-ISSUED VOUCHERS AND LINK

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ST PETERS CE PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
Eaves Lane PR6 0DX

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# EASTER CRAFTS



**ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**9.45am to 10.45am or  
11am to 12pm**

**EASTER BUNNIES TO  
MAKE AND DECORATE  
PLUS**

**AN EASTER EGG HUNT**

**\*\*\*booking recommended\*\*\***

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Compass Bloom Mental Health & Wellbeing for children – parent referral details below

## PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

We offer a free and confidential service supporting children and young people, aged 5-18, with mild to moderate emotional health and wellbeing needs. We work with schools and colleges throughout Chorley, South Ribble, Preston and West Lancs.

Are you the parent/carer of a young person who is experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or low mood?

This could look like:



FEELING  
WORRIED



STRUGGLING  
TO  
SLEEP



WITHDRAWAL  
FROM FAMILY,  
FRIENDS  
AND/OR USUAL  
ACTIVITIES



STRUGGLING TO  
CONCENTRATE



TEARFUL

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE SOUNDS LIKE YOUR CHILD/YOUNG PERSON WE CAN HELP!

If your young person attends one of our 63 schools we can offer a consultation with one of our friendly practitioners.

They can offer you advice, guidance and signposting to support you to support your child/young person.

To complete our consultation form Scan our QR Code or type in the web address below into your web browser.

<https://forms.office.com/e/x1asaVTeTL>



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